

Order No. 11-12-01
Plumas National Forest
Feather Falls Trail Emergency Closure

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(b), and to provide for public safety, the following act is prohibited on the Plumas National Forest. This Order is effective from April 15, 2012, through December 31, 2012.

Being on the lower loop of the Feather Falls Trail (Trail No. 6E33A), as shown on Exhibit A.
36 CFR 261.55(e).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

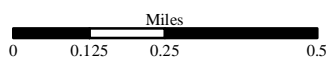
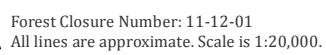
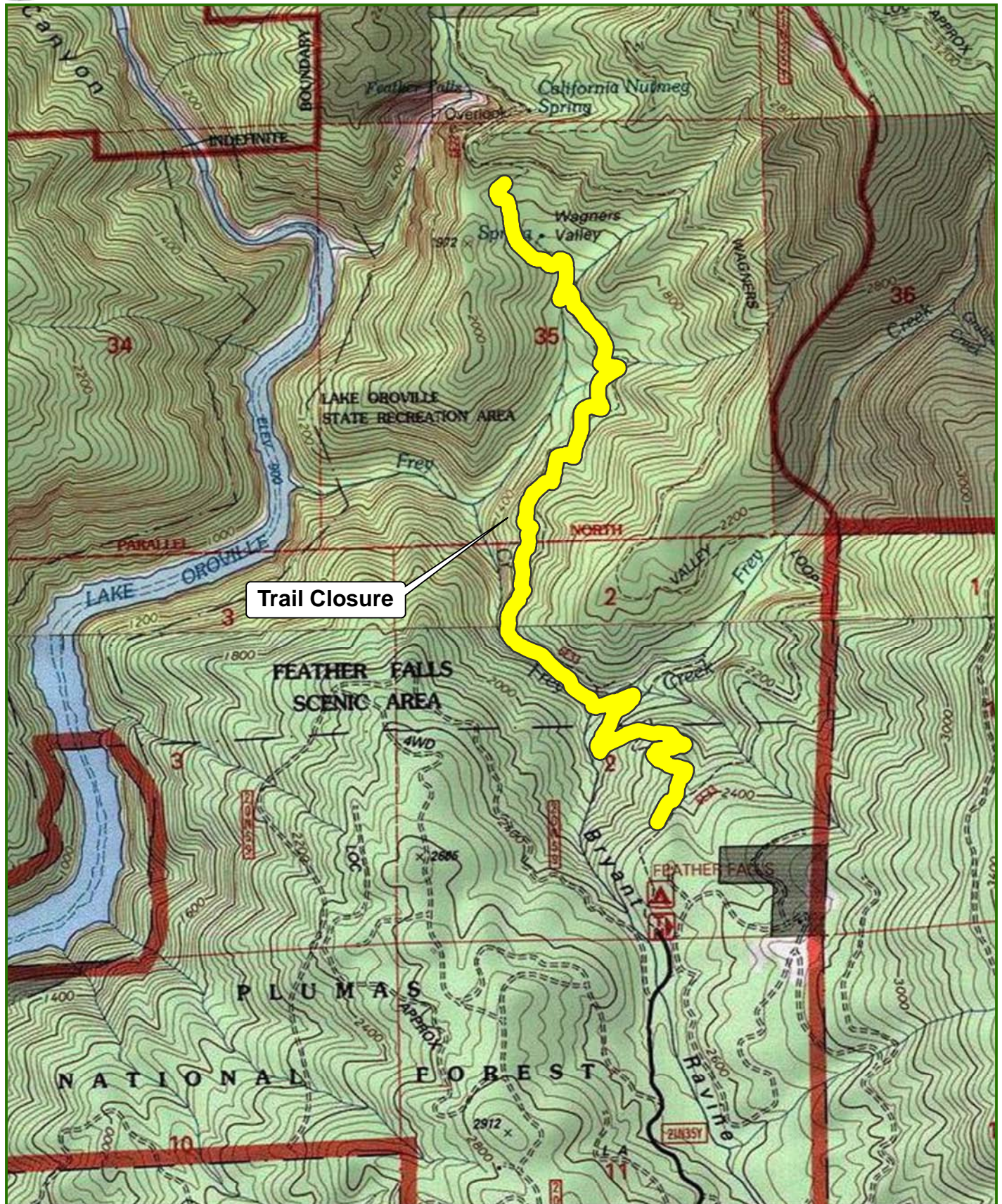
1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions found in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.
16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571 and 3581.

Done at Quincy, California, _____, 2012.

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Subject: Feather Falls Trail Emergency Trail Closure

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Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(b), and to ensure the safety of the public, Forest Service employees, and construction company personnel, it is my decision to institute a temporary trail closure, beginning April 15, 2012, to general public use on the lower segment of the Feather Falls Trail, located on the Feather River Ranger District of the Plumas National Forest. The Order will remain in effect until December 31, 2012.

The above trail segment is located in Sections 26 and 35, T 21 N, R 6 E. The closure will remain in effect 24 hours a day during the closure period.

During work hours, unauthorized individuals are in jeopardy from construction equipment and hazards associated with other general construction activities. The closure is also necessary during non-work hours (24 hours) because incomplete construction activities result in danger zones such as incomplete bridge construction, open trenches, and loose dirt slopes. The area needs to remain closed until the construction is complete, banks are allowed to stabilize and the hazards are mitigated.

This action is categorically excluded from documentation in an environmental impact statement or an environmental assessment because the project is within Category #1 of Section 31.12, Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, which includes Orders issued pursuant to 36 CFR Part 261. This regulation allows implementation of prohibitions or closure for short term resource protection or to protect public health and safety. There are no extraordinary circumstances.

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cc: Patrol Captain, LE&I

